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## THE PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR

The Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs is the most advanced educational program available to senior career officials of the United States Government. The ten-month program has been conducted annually since 1958 by the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State.

The Seminar is designed to provide an intensive program of executive development for senior officials, most of whom have served abroad and expect further foreign assignments. The curriculum stresses the relationship between domestic, foreign and national security policy. Seminar Members study political, economic, social, regional and cultural trends in the United States, relating them to international issues and questions of national security. This is done through extensive reading, the preparation of Case Studies, unit assignments, in-house discussions, and by meetings with prominent academics, public officials, businessmen, labor leaders, journalists and other Americans.

The purpose of the Seminar is to ensure that our top career officials who deal primarily with foreign policy and national security have a comprehensive understanding of the domestic assumptions which sustain our foreign policy. This will enable them to represent American interests abroad more effectively and to take domestic attitudes into account more accurately in pursuing a foreign policy which meets our national interests.

The Seminar Members are Foreign Service Officers and representatives from the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Information Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Agency for International Development, the National Security Agency, the Intelligence Community Staff, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury, and five uniformed Services.